

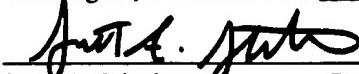


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Applicants: Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.

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For: OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING
INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES
HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE (AS
AMENDED)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with cited references.
 2. Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 Enclosed is a verified statement to establish
Small Entity status
 - Other than a Small Entity
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CALCULATION OF FEES

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	48	minus	20	28	\$18	\$504.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	3	1	\$78	\$78.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE						\$260
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$582.00

- No additional fee for claims is required.
4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 582.00 for additional claims Fee.
- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$ ____.
5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.
- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 380.00	\$ 190.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 870.00	\$ 435.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,360.00	\$ 680.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,850.00	\$ 925.00

Extension fee due with this request: \$ _____

Method of Payment:

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

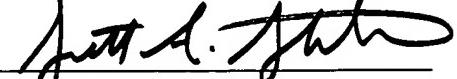
OR

- (b) **Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.**
- If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.**

Respectfully submitted,

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By:



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Enclosed:

Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate) containing
Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8
Second Preliminary Amendment
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
Form PTO-1449 (2 pages)
10 U. S. Patent References
6 Other Art References
Check for \$582.00 for Amendment Fee
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